

REMARKS

Applicants have thoroughly considered the Examiner's remarks in the January 30, 2006 Office action and have amended the claims to more clearly set forth the invention. Claims 1-8 and 10 have been amended and claims 20-45 have been canceled by this Amendment B. Thus, claims 1-10, and 12-19 are presented in application for further reconsideration.

Claim Objections

Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 4, and 5-10 as suggested by the Examiner to correct minor informalities. With respect to the Examiner's objection to claims 1 and 2 based on the absence of the word "additional" in front of locomotive, applicants respectfully submit that the language of amended claims 1 and 2 is clear without the addition of the word "additional" and that there is no need to add such a limitation. As such, applicants respectfully request that the objections to claims 1-10, and 12-19 be removed.

Claim Rejections

Claims 2-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have amended claim 2 to more clearly set forth the invention. In particular, applicants have amended claim 2 to recite, in part, "a plurality of locomotives operating in "the determined operating area" which relates to the "determined operating area" recited in claim 1. Similarly, claim 4 has been amended to recite in part, "managing a plurality of locomotives operating in *the determined operating area* to manage restrictions on operation of all locomotives within *the determined operating area*, wherein the *determined operating area* is a security control area, said security control area having said security profile associated therewith." Claim 3 has been amended to recite, "said security profile includes a restriction on an operation of the locomotive while traveling on a portion of the path that is located *in a security control area*." Applicants submit that there is now proper antecedent basis for the limitation set forth in claim 3.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that amended claims 2-4 are in compliance with the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112.

It is felt that a full and complete response has been made to the Office action, and applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-10, and 12-19 are allowable and that the subject application is now in condition for allowance.

The fact that applicants may not have specifically traversed any particular assertion by the Office should not be construed as indicating applicant's agreement therewith.

Any required fees or overpayments should be applied to Deposit Account No. 07-0846.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Ehyard, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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